

U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range



Commander's Guidance

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UNAUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE OR MEDICAL TREATMENT

- 1. Recently, an incident involving the use of a privately contracted health care provider at our installation came to my attention. In light of this, I want to make clear to all personnel at White Sands Missile Range, my policy regarding such activity. It is my policy that, except under emergency circumstances, no one will perform medical or health care services at White Sands Missile Range without first obtaining the approval of the Director of Health Services/Commander, McAfee Health Clinic (DHS).
- 2. Assuring the general security, safety, and public welfare of the White Sands Missile Range community is my top priority. Consequently, no medical practitioner or health care provider may practice his or her skills at White Sands Missile Range without formal coordination with the DHS and obtaining his authorization. This guidance applies to all medical services to include services performed by mid-wives, chiropractors, and other practitioners associated with the health care industry.
- 3. As the commander of a military installation, I may limit access to White Sands Missile Range to safeguard the safety and general welfare of all workers and residents located on this Range. Indeed, it is this authority that, in part, assures a wholesome environment at White Sands Missile Range--one that is all too many times absent in civilian communities. This authority extends to door-to-door salesmen, charitable organizations, and other individuals attempting to solicit or conduct business in their private capacity at the Range. Clearly then, if it is important to control the activities of insurance salesmen, it is all the more important to control the performance of health care services on a military installation.
- 4. Failure to properly obtain authorization for the conduct of commercial activities at White Sands Missile Range may result in expulsion from quarters and include disciplinary action for military personnel under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or administrative sanctions against civilian government employees.
- 5. Remember, White Sands Missile Range is still a remote site and the associated risks of unauthorized medical care are unacceptable--particularly when it involves a member of your family.

- 6. Should you and your loved ones desire the services of a privately contracted medical practitioner or health care provider while stationed at White Sands Missile Range, you may want to consider arranging for treatment off-post, preferably at a location near a major medical facility.
- 7. This guidance supersedes CG-04-99, dated 7 Apr 99.

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